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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disc reproducing apparatus connected to a monitor of an image output system controls image display on the monitor. According to information about an instruction given by a user through operation of a remote controller or a front panel key, an MPU sets one of a screen display mode and a screen ~~erasure~~ blanking mode. If the screen display mode is set while audio information is reproduced, a control unit permits a video driver to output a display signal to the monitor. If the screen ~~erasure~~ blanking mode is set while audio information is reproduced, the control unit outputs a ~~mute~~ inhibit signal to the video driver so as to inhibit output of the display signal to the monitor. When a CD is played, a display image on the monitor is thus erased by output of the ~~mute~~ inhibit signal as requested according to an externally provided instruction.